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Following the title, please insert the following paragraph:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of the filing dates of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,110 by inventors Geoffrey B. Hoes and Jeffry T. Russell, entitled "Storage Router and Method for Providing Virtual Local Storage" filed on February 22, 2002 which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/354,682 by inventors Geoffrey B. Hoes and Jeffry T. Russell, entitled "Storage Router and Method for Providing Virtual Local Storage" filed on July 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,421,753, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/001,799, filed on December 31, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,941,972, and hereby incorporates these applications by reference in their entireties as if they had been fully set forth herein.